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In re the application of:
Swart, et al.

Serial No.: 09/800,648

Filed: March 7, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CREATING FILES THAT ARE
SUITABLE FOR PRINTING AND
THAT CAN BE CONVERTED INTO
MARKUP LANGUAGE FILES THAT
ARE SUITABLE FOR ON-LINE USE

Art Unit: 2178

Examiner: Hutton, Jr., William

Docket No.: 10004942-1

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

BY JON HOLLAND


Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I hereby assert that the dates on the exhibits accompanying the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 by Stacey Swart, Meredith Matthews, and Mike Loughlin have been redacted for the protection of the Applicants in the above-identified application. Each redacted portion of the exhibits corresponds to a date prior to August 15, 2000.

Furthermore, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETHS NOT.


Jon Holland

4/20/05
Date



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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

County of _____)
State of Colorado)

We, Stacey Swart, Meredith Mathews, and Mike Loughlin state as follows:

1.

We are coinventors of the inventions defined in the pending claims of the above-identified patent application and of the subject matter described therein.

2.

Prior to August 15, 2000, in this country, we conceived of the idea for an apparatus that converts a first markup language file, such as SGML, into a second markup language file, such as HTML. Such an apparatus has first logic for performing a technical writing tool algorithm. When implementing the technical writing tool algorithm, the first logic receives input for describing a particular selected format and content for a document and generates the first markup language file based on an elements file, such as a file commonly referred to as an Elements Definition Document (EDD). The EDD defines elements included in the first markup language file. The first markup language file is printable as a hardcopy document and includes formatting information. Rather than defining various element styles for the elements in the EDD, a plurality of style templates external to the EDD are defined. Each of the style templates defines a respective element style. At least one of the style templates is mapped to at least one of the elements and defines a style for the at least one element. Second logic within the apparatus performs a conversion algorithm to convert, based on the at least one style template, the first markup language file into the second markup language file, which includes information describing an on-line format and content of a document.

3.

Prior to August 15, 2000, we built and tested, in this country, an apparatus, referred to hereafter as "the file generating apparatus," having software for performing the functionality described above in Paragraph 2. We believe that the file generating apparatus was sufficiently tested to show that it worked for its intended purpose. In particular, prior to August 15, 2000, the file generating apparatus was sufficiently tested to show that it successfully converted SGML documents into HTML documents using customized style templates for defining the styles of various EDD elements.

4.

While working on a Hewlett-Packard Company ("HP") project, called "Proton," we used the file generating apparatus described above in Paragraph 3 to convert various SGML documents into HTML documents prior to August 15, 2000. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a slide from a PowerPoint presentation that was used at an internal HP presentation by co-inventors, Meredith Mathews and Stacey Swart, to discuss the Proton project. Note that the slide references the creation of "online html templates," which is a reference to the customized style templates described above in Paragraph 3. The internal HP presentation occurred prior to August 15, 2000. Exhibit B is a screenshot of the slide of Exhibit A after a properties window for the slide was opened. The properties window shows that the slide was created and last modified prior to August 15, 2000.

5.

Exhibit C shows a listing of various files used in completing the Proton project. The listing includes various HTML files among other types of files. Each HTML file included in the listing was converted into HTML from a respective SGML file by the file generating apparatus described above in Paragraph 3 using customized style templates. The dates shown in the listing establish that the HTML files were last modified prior to August 15, 2000, thereby establishing that the file generating apparatus was used to convert SGML files into HTML files prior to this date.

6.

One of the HTML files shown in the listing of Exhibit C is entitled "EN_Pro_frnt.htm". Exhibit D shows HTML source code from "EN_Pro_frnt.htm" for defining the first page of an HTML document, which was converted from an SGML document by the file generating apparatus during the Proton project. Exhibit E shows the first page of the HTML document, which was used in the Proton project. Further, Exhibit I shows the first page of the SGML document (as viewed through an SGML editor) that was converted by the file generating apparatus to the HTML document depicted by Exhibit E. Note that the text of the HTML document of Exhibit E corresponds to the HTML source code of Exhibit D and the text of the SGML document of Exhibit I. Moreover, Exhibit C shows that "EN_Pro_frnt.htm", which defines the source code of Exhibit D for generating the document page of Exhibit E, was last modified and, therefore, created prior to August 15, 2000. In addition, Exhibit J shows a listing of files, including a file entitled "Pro_frnt.fm." This file defines the SGML document depicted in Exhibit I. As shown by Exhibit J, "Pro_frnt.fm" was last modified prior to August 15, 2000.

7.

The listing of Exhibit C includes two ".wdt" files entitled "HP_SureStore_User_Guide.bak.wdt" and "HP_SureStore_User_Guide.wdt". These ".wdt" files define customized style templates that were used by the file generating apparatus during the Proton project to convert SGML files into the HTML files listed in Exhibit C. The last modified dates indicated in the listing of Exhibit C for the ".wdt" files are prior to August 15, 2000.

8.

After completion of the Proton project, a document entitled "Proton Lessons Learned," the first page of which is attached hereto as Exhibit F, ~~was~~ created to summarize the knowledge gained from the Proton project. Exhibit G is a screen shot of the first page of the foregoing document after a properties window for the document was opened. The properties window shows that the document was created and last modified prior to August 15, 2000, thereby establishing that completion of the Proton project and, therefore, successful conversion of SGML documents into HTML documents for the Proton project occurred prior to August 15, 2000.

9.

Attached hereto as Exhibit H are the first two pages of an invention disclosure form pertaining to the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/800,648. Note that the attorney docket number (i.e., "10004942") listed on the invention disclosure form corresponds to the attorney docket number in the records of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/800,648. As indicated by Exhibit H, the invention disclosure form was signed by a third party witness and submitted to the in-house legal department of HP prior to August 15, 2000. The invention disclosure form indicates that the invention was used in the Proton project and indicates that the invention was "built or tested" prior to August 15, 2000.

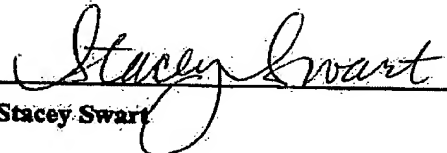
10.

We have read pending claims 1, 10, 20, 21, and 23 (as amended according to the First Response mailed to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on September 29, 2004). We believe that the file generating apparatus described hereinabove in paragraph 3 included each feature described in these pending claims.

11.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

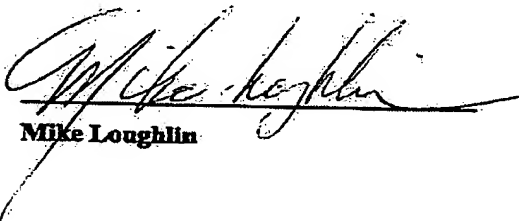
FURTHER DECLARANTS SAYETH NOT.


Stacey Swart

4/18/05
Date


Meredith Mathews

4/19/05
Date


Mike Loughlin

4/11/05
Date

Commercial Learning Product Deliverables for Proton

- Combine user manual and service manual.
- Create welcome mat/quick-reference card.
- Make drive information "generic" to allow for subsequent drive rolls with minimal cost. Drive information will be available online.
- Localize manual into FIGS, Japanese, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Korean, and Dutch.
- Create online html templates to enable other departments to more easily leverage content for web use and SureStore CD, which will reduce localization costs.
- Create computer animation clips for installation and removal/replacement procedures.

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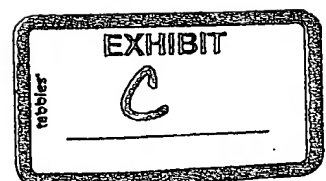
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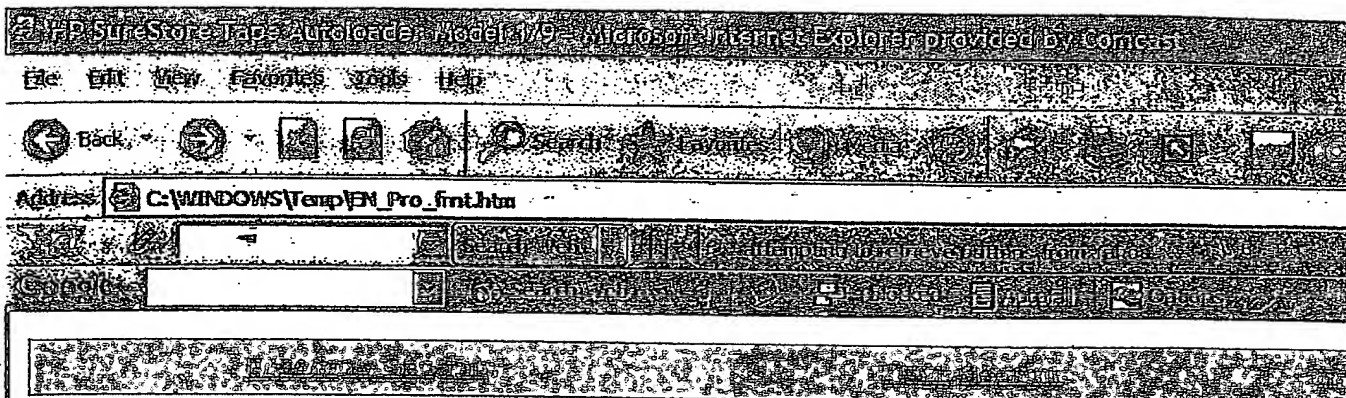
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User and Service Guide

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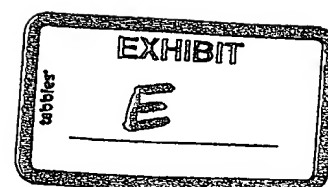
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Proton Lessons Learned

Overview

Proton was an intense, but relatively small project. We began Proton early [REDACTED] and completed it at the end of [REDACTED]. We leveraged a lot of the processes we created in Galactica and focused on making the content very easy to understand for a less-experienced end user. Consequently, we did not revolutionize development processes (like we did in Galactica), but scrutinized the organization and format of the manual. In Proton, we also tried to make our content easier for other departments to leverage.

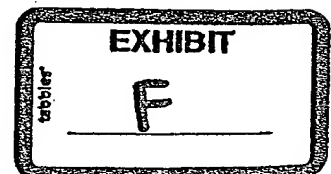
Here are the deliverables we created for this project.

- HP SureStore user/service guide
- HP SureStore installation poster
- HP SureStore online user/service guide (HTML), localized into 9 languages
- Six animation clips for online manual
- Generic/oem user/service guide
- Generic/oem installation poster
- Generic/oem localization CD
- FRU and upgrade guide
- SCSI manual update
- Clip nut template

As the project began, Sun was the pmt priority. Learning Products actually decided to develop our deliverables out of order with the pmt. Even though no one was discussing the HP-branded product, we thought it would be easier to develop the HP manuals and poster and then later make it generic for Sun. This turned out to be a good choice since Sun's schedule slipped. When the pmt effort began to be redirected to the commercial channel, we were already a step ahead.

Summary

- ✓ *Since pmt scope and schedule can change, set our department schedule based on how we can most efficiently create deliverables.*
- ✓ *If our department schedule is out of alignment with the program schedule, ensure this is communicated to the entire team and that there are no holes.*



Proton Lessons Learned

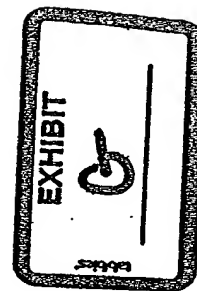
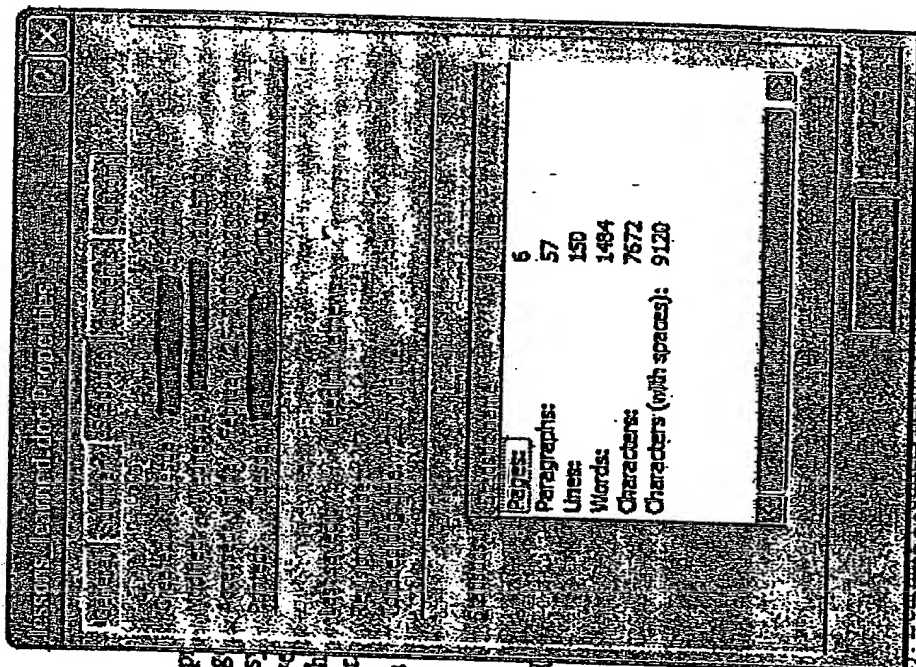
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- Generic/OSM user/service guide
- Generic/OSM installation poster
- Generic/OSM localization CD
- FRU and upgrade guide
- SCSI manual update
- Clip art template

As the project began, Sam was the primary contact for the project.



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INVENTION DISCLOSURE

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Instructions: The information contained in this document is COMPANY CONFIDENTIAL and may not be disclosed to others without prior authorization. Submit this disclosure to the HP Legal Department as soon as possible. No patent protection is possible until a patent application is authorized, prepared, and submitted to the Government.

Descriptive Title of Invention:

Streamlined conversion from print to html

Name of Project:

EDD Reinvention

Product Name or Number:

Associated with Proton release

Was a description of the invention published, or are you planning to publish? If so, the date(s) and publication(s): No

Was a product including the invention announced, offered for sale, sold, or is such activity proposed? If so, the date(s) and location(s):

Yes, process used in Proton user documentation

Was the invention disclosed to anyone outside of HP, or will such disclosure occur? If so, the date(s) and name(s):

Yes, hired contractor INT'L.com to carry out this idea with our EDD. Began approximately [redacted] and completed [redacted].
If any of the above situations will occur within 3 months, call your IP Attorney or the Legal Department now at 1-898-4919 or 970-898-4919.

Was the invention described in a lab book or other record? If so, please identify (lab book #, etc.)

Yes, training materials (for HP from INT'L.com) on how to implement the process.

Was the invention built or tested? If so, the date:

Yes, approximately [redacted] - [redacted]

Was this invention made under a government contract? If so, the agency and contract number:

No

Description of Invention: Please preserve all records of the invention and attach additional pages for the following. Each additional page should be signed and dated by the inventor(s) and witness(es).

- A. Description of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate schematic, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results; etc.)
- B. Advantages of the invention over what has been done before.
- C. Problems solved by the invention.
- D. Prior solutions and their disadvantages (if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.).

Signature of Inventor(s): Pursuant to my (our) employment agreement, I (we) submit this disclosure on this date: [redacted]

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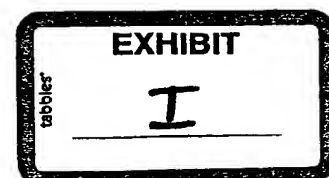
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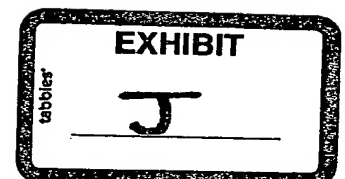


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